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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2005.

Claims 25-52 remain pending herein. Claims 29-48 have been withdrawn from consideration by the U.S. PTO.

Claims 25-28 and 49-52 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

It is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

The U.S. PTO questions whether the original specification describes a shaped body which comprises a plurality of completely crystallized zeolite particles. The U.S. PTO also questions whether the original specification discloses a shaped body which comprises a three-dimensional structure including pores defined between the particles.

The specification clearly contains such disclosure. For example, the original specification, page 19, lines 19-20 recite "... a zeolite shaped body of the invention is preferable to be a porous zeolite composed of particles of a zeolite ... [emphasis added]."